

## PATENT CLAIMS

- 5 1. Process for the bromination of organic compounds, characterised in that the organic compound in liquid or dissolved form is mixed with a brominating reagent in liquid or dissolved form, if desired in the presence of a catalyst in liquid or dissolved form, in at least one microreactor and reacted for a residence time, and the brominated organic compound is isolated from the reaction mixture.
- 10 2. Process according to Claim 1, characterised in that the microreactor is a miniaturised flow reactor.
- 15 3. Process according to Claim 1 or 2, characterised in that the microreactor is a static micromixer.
4. Process according to one of Claims 1 to 3, characterised in that the microreactor is connected to a capillary, preferably a heatable capillary, via an outlet.
- 20 5. Process according to one of Claims 1 to 4, characterised in that the volume of the microreactor is  $\leq 10 \mu\text{l}$ , preferably  $\leq 1 \mu\text{l}$ .
6. Process according to one of Claims 1 to 5, characterised in that the microreactor is heatable.
- 25 7. Process according to one of Claims 1 to 6, characterised in that the microreactor has channels having a diameter of from 10 to 1000  $\mu\text{m}$ , preferably from 20 to 800  $\mu\text{m}$ , particularly preferably from 30  $\mu\text{m}$  to 400  $\mu\text{m}$ .
- 30 8. Process according to one of Claims 1 to 7, characterised in that the reaction mixture flows through the microreactor at a flow rate of from 0.1  $\mu\text{l}/\text{min}$  to 10  $\text{ml}/\text{min}$ , preferably from 1  $\mu\text{l}/\text{min}$  to 1  $\text{ml}/\text{min}$ .
- 35 9. Process according to one of Claims 1 to 8, characterised in that the residence time of the compounds employed in the microreactor, where appropriate in the microreactor and the capillaries, is  $\leq 3$  hours, preferably  $\leq 1$  hour.

10. Process according to one of Claims 1 to 9, characterised in that it is carried out at a temperature of from -90 to +150°C, preferably from -20 to +40°C, particularly preferably from -10 to +20°C.
- 5 11. Process according to one of Claims 1 to 10, characterised in that the course of the reaction is monitored by chromatography, preferably gas chromatography, and where appropriate regulated.
- 10 12. Process according to one of Claims 1 to 11, characterised in that the brominated product is isolated from the reaction mixture by extraction or precipitation.
- 15 13. Process according to one of Claims 1 to 12, characterised in that the brominating reagent employed is elemental bromine, dibromoisocyanuric acid, N-bromosuccinimide, hypobromous acid, organic hypobromites, preferably trifluoroacetyl hypobromite, N-bromoacetamide, N-bromophthalimide, pyridinium perbromide and/or dioxane dibromide.
- 20 14. Process according to one of Claims 1 to 13, characterised in that the catalyst employed is iodine, mineral acids, preferably sulphuric acid or nitric acid, and/or Lewis acids, preferably aluminium halides, iron halides, zinc halides or antimony halides.
- 25 15. Process according to one of Claims 1 to 14, characterised in that between 0.1 and 100 mol%, preferably between 1 and 10 mol%, of the catalyst are employed, based on the amount of organic compound employed.
- 30 16. Bromination microreactor having at least one mixing element and, if desired, a residence zone, characterised in that the volume of the bromination microreactor, without the volume of the residence zone, is  $\leq 10 \mu\text{l}$ , preferably  $\leq 1 \mu\text{l}$ .
- 35 17. Bromination microreactor according to Claim 16, characterised in that it is a static micromixer.
18. Bromination microreactor according to Claim 16 or 17, characterised in that the residence zone is a capillary, preferably a heatable capillary.

19. Bromination microreactor according to one of Claims 16 to 18, characterised in that it is heatable.

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